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Title: DATA STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING SEPARATE DATA
TRANSFER SECTION AND MESSAGE NETWORK

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
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| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Declaration | 3 |
| Drawing(s) | 22 |

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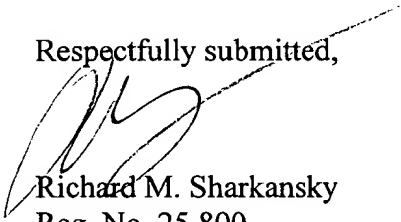
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